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Brandonburg M. P. Church  
Brandonburg U. M. Church  
Old Washington Road at Streaker Road

1883

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## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Brandenburg M. P. Church

and/or common Brandenburg U. M. Church

### 2. Location

street & number Old Washington Road (MD 97) ☐ not for publicationcity, town Winfield ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

### 3. Classification

| Category  | Ownership  | Status  | Present Use                                   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied        | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private        | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied                 | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both                      | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress           | <input type="checkbox"/> educational          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <input type="checkbox"/> in process                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered          | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted          | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific           |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no                         | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation       |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other:               |

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Brandenburg Church and Cemetery c/o Donald Conaway

street &amp; number R 6B telephone no.:

city, town Sykesville state and zip code MD 21784

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber

street &amp; number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state MD

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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|  |                                       |   |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good            | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   | date of move _____                                |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

**Summary:** Brandenburg M. P. Church is located on the northwest corner of Route 97 and Streaker Road in south-central Carroll County, about 3½ miles southeast of Winfield and 3½ miles northwest of Sykesville. The church faces southeast, toward Route 97, and is situated on a flat lot surrounded by large old trees. A cemetery is located north and northwest of the church. The church is a one-story, one-bay by three-bay structure with a rubble stone foundation and a gable roof of standing-seam metal with a ridge that runs southeast to northwest. The southeast elevation has German siding with corner boards. On the south side of the foundation is a marble date stone with a chiselled margin and "Brandonburg [sic] M. P. Church 1883." Centered on the first story are double doors with six panels each. Above the door is a gabled hood supported on two large brackets. There are stained glass lancet windows with wood sills. The glass is a geometric pattern. The two west bays of the southwest elevation of the church are covered by a large, one-story, gable-roofed addition. This addition has a CMU foundation. The window frames are square-headed inside, even though the windows are lancets. There is later wood infill in the spandrels around the windows. The space under each window is filled with plain wood boards that appear to be an original treatment.

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The northeast elevation has asbestos shingle siding. There are three stained glass lancet windows with wood sills. The glass is a geometric pattern, with a dark blue outer margin, a green inner margin, and an amber field. There is a memorial tablet at the bottom. Centered on the gable peak is a new metal spire. There is a later infill attached to the north corner, with asbestos shingle siding and an asphalt shingle roof. It has a new metal door on the northeast elevation. The northwest elevation has a projecting, half-hexagonal apse in the center, with asbestos shingles and a standing-seam metal roof. The northeast elevation is covered by the later addition, but the southwest elevation has a small lancet with stained glass that matches the other windows. The west corner has a small gable-roofed addition with asbestos shingles and asphalt shingles on the roof. There are two one-light sash on the northwest elevation of this addition. The two west bays of the southwest elevation of the church are covered by a large, one-story, gable-roofed addition. This addition has a CMU foundation, asbestos shingles on the northwest elevation, and German siding on the southwest and southeast elevations. The south bay of the church has asbestos shingle siding and a lancet window that matches the other stained glass.

The sills of the church are hewn on all four sides. The joists are  $\frac{3}{4}$ -round logs, about eight inches in diameter, that are tapered on the ends and rest on top of the stone foundation. The joists do not appear to be tied into the sills. They run southwest-northeast, and are supported in the center by a single summer beam that is also a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -round log. The flooring is random-width and appears to be pine. It is now covered by carpet. The ceiling is covered by acoustic tiles, and has a slight gabled pitch. The bottom half of the walls has been panelled recently, and above that is plaster on circular-sawn lath, with wallpaper. The plaster appears never to have been painted, but instead was probably always wallpapered. Several layers survive; the first appears to be grey, with vertical white and blue streaks. The window frames are square-headed inside, even though the windows are lancets. The window sash are pegged, and have been reused. They originally had a wide vertical mullion in the center. The window and door surrounds are pulvinated, and have corner blocks with a small square panel that has a sunken field. There is later wood infill in the spandrels around the windows. The transoms have plain wood surrounds, suggesting that they were added later, not simply altered. The window surrounds continue down to the floor, resting on a block. The plain baseboard butts against these blocks. The space under each window is filled with plain wood boards that appear to be an original treatment. On both side elevations there is a buttress between the south-east and center bays. On the northwest end is a raised dais with a semi-circular altar rail that is broken in the center. It appears that only the turned newels, with a large ball on top, are original. The new pulpit is raised on two steps. There is a recessed apse behind the pulpit, with a semi-circular-arched opening. This opening has a pulvinated surround up to the springline, with a broken field surround above it. There is a new altar and furniture set back into the apse, with a stained glass window that matches the others on each side of the apse. In the north bay of the apse is a new six-panel door in an

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original frame, with pulvinated surround and corner blocks. The oak pews are set in three columns. They have foliate carving applied on the ends along the hand rail and back rest, and have a panel below that consists of two tablets similar in style to the ten commandments.

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## 8. Significance

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| Period  | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |   |   |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric          | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric  | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion |
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|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)     |

Specific dates 1883

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Industrial-Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Religion

Resource Types: Church, Rural Vernacular

Brandenburg M. P. Church apparently draws its name from William Brandenburg, who was born in Germany in 1798 and settled in Frederick County with his parents. His farm on Piney Run had a grist mill, saw mill, and store, and must have been a focal point for the local community. Brandenburg donated land and lumber for the construction of a schoolhouse in the general location of the current church. That building also served as a place of worship for the local community. The Methodist Protestant church grew out of a reform movement within the Methodist Episcopal church, and William Brandenburg associated himself with this reform. Apparently, both a Methodist Protestant and a Lutheran congregation were worshipping in the school.

The date that the first church building was constructed is unknown. The Martenet Map of 1862 shows the location of School House No. 6, but does not show a church. By

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1877, however, a church is clearly indicated on the Lake, Griffin & Stevenson Atlas. According to William Brandenburg's granddaughter, Florence Brandenburg Grimm, this church burned around 1882 and the existing church was constructed on the old foundation. However, plans were already being made to build a new sanctuary, and money was being collected for that purpose, in a service at the old church in August 1882. The Democratic Advocate noted in April, 1883 that "the Methodist Protestant Church [in Berrett] will be rebuilt, and other improvements made during the summer." Two months later money was still being raised. Construction must have begun some time later in the year, since the cornerstone is dated 1883. The following April the Journal of the Maryland Conference recorded: "Brandenburg, Deer Park circuit, foundation laid, and \$500.00 provided for building." A postcard of the building from around 1917 shows that the oculus on the southeast elevation had four lights. The lancet windows had 4/2 sash, with a rather heavy central vertical muntin. The roof appears to have been shingled, and there was a brick interior chimney between the center and south bays.

Like most rural churches in Carroll County, changes have been made periodically to Brandenburg as money could be raised. The pews were added in 1918 by Mrs. Joseph Brandenburg. Around 1920, the church yard was enclosed with a wall. The church was not electrified until around 1930. Some of the most significant changes were made in 1942. It was then that the stained glass windows were installed. They were made by Miller Art Glass Studio in Baltimore. The large windows cost \$35.00 each, the apse windows \$17.50, and the transom \$40.00. The inscriptions were \$14.22. At the same time the oak pulpit furniture was added. The social hall on the southwest side of the church was constructed in 1952 and a new organ added in 1956. A fire in 1979 destroyed the western half of the southwest wall of the church, including two stained glass windows. Restoration included the addition of the drop ceiling. Brandenburg M. P. Church is very typical of small rural church buildings in Carroll County.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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1862 & 1877 maps

"Brandenburg United Methodist Church Centennial Celebration" 1983

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Winfield

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | code | county | code |
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Westminster

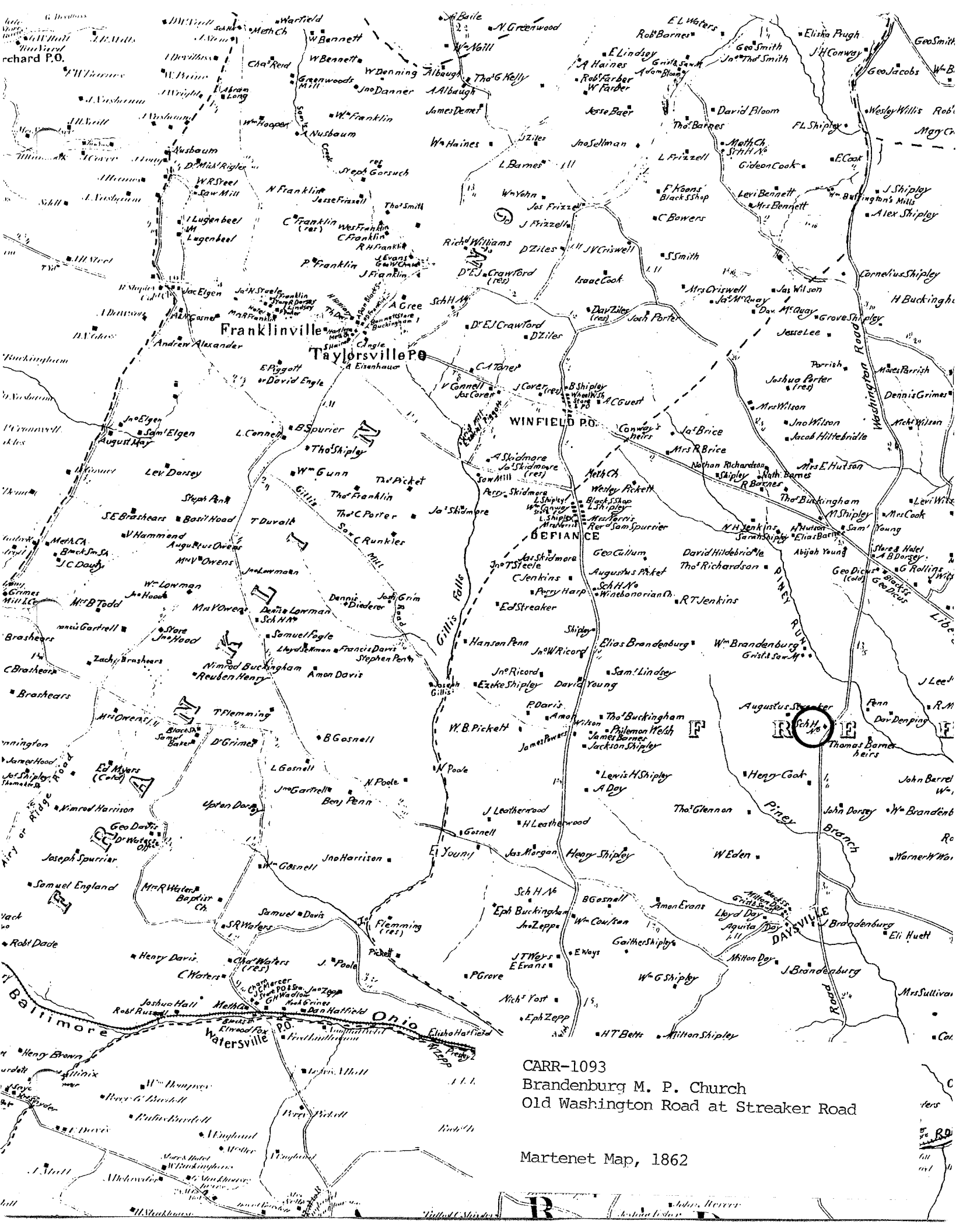
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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Martenet Map, 1862

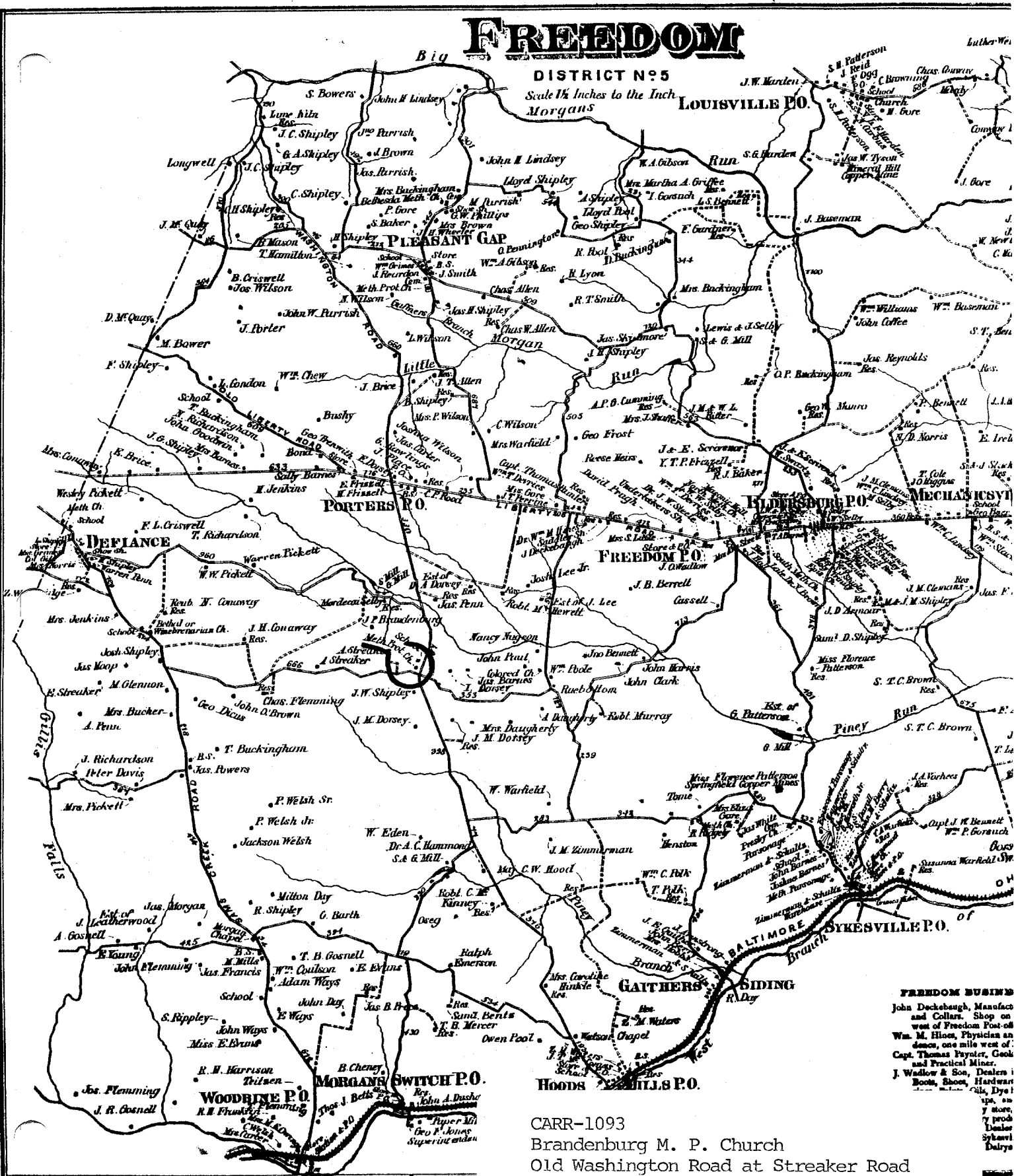
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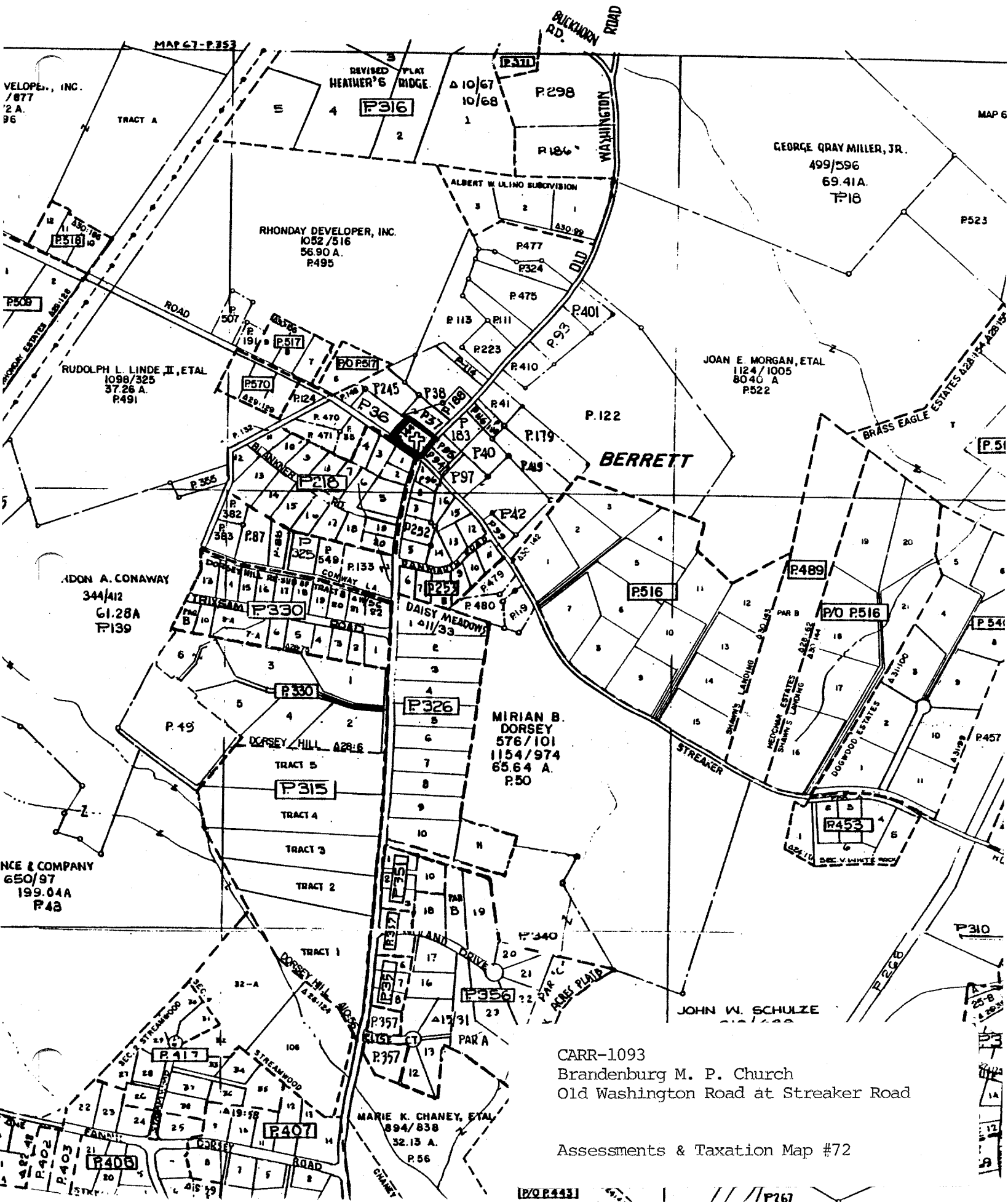
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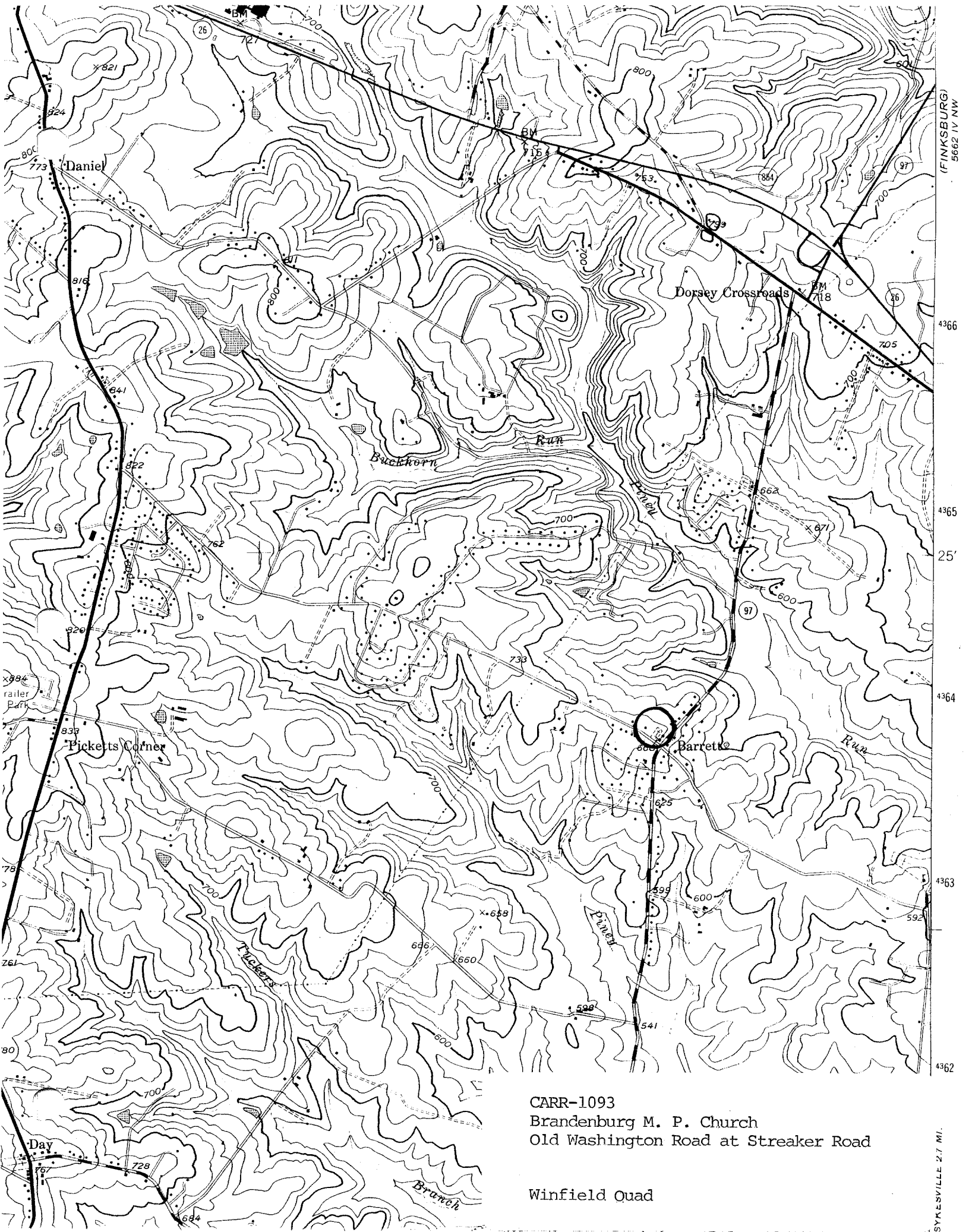


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**BRANDENBURG**

United

Methodist Church

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Church School 9:45 AM

Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM

Phone 461-1111

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Southeast: northeast elevations



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interior - view north

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